



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 120.02 (3) (e); and *to create* 120.02 (3) (e) 2.
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** reducing the number of members on the school
3 board of a consolidated school district.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Shared School District Services.

Under current law, whenever a school district with three or more school board members votes to reduce the number of school board members, it must do so one member at a time. Board membership is then reduced by the district electing one less school board member annually until the school board is reduced to the approved number of members.

The bill creates an exception to this requirement specifically for a consolidated school district during the first seven years following consolidation. Specifically, under the bill, if a school district has consolidated and the consolidated school district votes to reduce the number of board members during the first seven years following consolidation, it may do so by two members at a time. Board membership could be reduced in a consolidated district by electing two fewer school board members annually until the school board is reduced to the approved number of members.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 120.02 (3) (e) of the statutes is renumbered 120.03 (3) (e) 1. and
2 amended to read:

3 120.03 **(3)** (e) 1. ~~Whenever~~ Except as provided in subd. 2., whenever a school
4 district with more than 3 school board members votes to reduce the number of school
5 board members, one less school board member shall be elected annually thereafter
6 until the school board is reduced to the approved number of members, but not less
7 than one member shall be elected each year.

8 **SECTION 2.** 120.02 (3) (e) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

9 120.02 **(3)** (e) 2. If a school district created by consolidation under s. 117.08 or
10 117.09 with more than 3 school board members votes to reduce the number of school
11 members during the first 7 school years following the date on which the consolidation
12 takes effect, 2 less school board members may be elected annually thereafter until
13 the school board is reduced to the approved number of members.

****NOTE: Do you want to indicate whether at least one member must be elected
each year? In other words, would it be okay to go from 7 members to 3 members over 2
years by not having any school board elections?

****NOTE: As drafted, this allows but does not require 2 fewer school board members
to be elected annually. Who should make this decision? Do you want the school district
clerk to promulgate a plan similar to the plan required when a school district votes to
increase the number of school board members?

****NOTE: I didn't include a requirement to include an intent to reduce the number
of members in the reorganization order because this provision relies on the process
described in s. 120.02 (1). Okay?



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 115.385 (1h) of the statutes; **relating to:** school and school
2 district accountability report for a consolidated school district.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Shared School District Services.

Current law requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to annually publish accountability reports, or "report cards" for individual schools and school districts. Report cards are issued for all public schools and school districts in Wisconsin. Current law requires DPI to factor certain measures of a school's performance or district's improvement into the report cards. Additionally, the report cards must include an index system that creates five performance categories and assigns each school and district to one of the categories. Under DPI's current accountability formula for the report cards, DPI needs at least two consecutive school years of performance data to calculate a school district's improvement score and performance category. Under current law, on the effective date of consolidation, the school districts that were consolidated cease to exist. Therefore, a newly consolidated school district does not have enough performance data for DPI to measure the consolidated school district's improvement. Under the current framework, DPI assigns a newly consolidated school district a placeholder of "N/A" on its report card until DPI has enough data to determine the consolidated school district's improvement or assign a performance category for the consolidated school district.

The bill specifies that DPI may not determine a consolidated school district's improvement, identify the consolidated school district's level of improvement, or assign the consolidated school district a performance category for the school year in which the consolidation takes effect and the subsequent two school years. Instead, in the report cards published for the school year in which the consolidation takes effect and the subsequent 2 school years, DPI must include: (1) the following statement: "Due to recent consolidation, updated data is not available for this school district."; (2) the first school year for which a performance category will be assigned to the consolidated school district; and (3) the performance category assigned to each affected school district for the school year before the consolidation took effect.

SECTION 1. 115.385 (1h) of the statutes is created to read:

115.385 (1h) For a school district consolidated under s. 117.08 or 117.09, all of the following apply to the accountability reports published for the school year in which the school district consolidation takes effect and the subsequent 2 school years:

(a) The department may not determine the consolidated school district's improvement under sub. (1) (a).

(b) The department may not identify the consolidated school district's level of improvement or assign the consolidated school district to a performance category under sub. (1) (b).

(c) In place of a performance category under sub. (1) (b), the department shall include all of the following:

1. The following statement: "Due to recent consolidation, updated data is not available for this school district."

2. The first school year for which a performance category will be assigned to the consolidated school district.

3. The performance category assigned to each affected school district, as defined in s. 117.03 (1) (c), for the school year before the consolidation took effect.

(END)



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (2) (bt) and 115.448 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants
2 for feasibility studies of school district consolidation or whole grade sharing and
3 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Shared School District Services.

Current law does not provide state assistance to fund feasibility studies for school districts considering consolidation or whole grade sharing agreements.

The bill requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to award grants of up to \$25,000 each to consortia of 2 or more school districts to fund feasibility studies of consolidation or whole grade sharing. School districts must use the grant moneys for a professional financial analysis, which may include a population study, of the impacts of consolidation or whole grade sharing on the districts. In order to be eligible for a grant, each school district in the consortium must demonstrate that it has adopted a resolution to consider consolidation and intends to vote on a resolution ordering consolidation no later than 18 months after the date the grant application is submitted to DPI.

The bill provides a continuing appropriation of \$200,000 in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The bill takes effect on the day after publication, or the 2nd day after publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

2023-24 2024-25

20.255 Public instruction, department of

(2) AIDS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

(bt) Grants for feasibility studies of
consolidation or whole grade

sharing	GPR	C	200,000	-0-
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SECTION 2. 20.255 (2) (bt) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (bt) *Grants for feasibility studies of consolidation or whole grade sharing.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the grant program under s. 115.448.

SECTION 3. 115.448 of the statutes is created to read:

115.448 Grants for feasibility studies of consolidation or whole grade sharing. (1) In this section, “eligible applicant” means an applicant for a grant under this section that is a consortium of 2 or more school boards.

(2) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (bt) and subject to sub. (3), the department shall award grants to eligible applicants to fund feasibility studies of school district consolidation or whole grade sharing agreements under s. 118.50. The department may not award a grant to an eligible applicant in an amount exceeding \$25,000.

1 (b) An eligible applicant receiving a grant under this section shall use the grant
2 moneys for a professional financial analysis, which may include a population study,
3 of how school district consolidation or a whole grade sharing agreement under s.
4 118.50 would affect the school districts governed by the eligible applicant.

5 (3) To receive a grant under this section to fund a feasibility study of school
6 district consolidation, an eligible applicant shall demonstrate to the department that
7 each school board member of the consortium has adopted a resolution under s. 117.08
8 (1) or 117.09 (1) and intends to vote on a resolution ordering consolidation under s.
9 117.08 (2) or 117.09 (2) by no later than 18 months after the date on which an
10 application for a grant under this section is submitted to the department.

***NOTE: Both section 117.08 (2) and 117.09 (2), state that the underlying school
districts may adopt the resolution ordering consolidation "[I]n the first July beginning
after the adoption of resolutions" under sub. (1) of the respective sections. Failure to
adopt the resolution by Aug 1 is a denial. Okay?

11 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

12 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after
13 publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

14 (END)



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 117.08 (6) (a) and 117.09 (6) (a); *to amend*
2 20.255 (2) (br), 117.08 (6) (intro.) and 117.09 (6) (intro.); and *to create* 117.08
3 (6) (a) 1., 117.08 (6) (a) 2., 117.08 (7), 117.08 (8), 117.09 (6) (a) 1., 117.09 (6) (a)
4 2. and 117.09 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** state aid for school district
5 consolidation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Shared School District Services.

Under current law, when two or more school districts consolidate, or when a union high school district consolidates with its included elementary school districts, the newly consolidated school district is eligible for consolidation aid. A school district that was consolidated on or after July 1, 2019, receives \$150 per student in the first five years following consolidation. In the 6th year after consolidation, the newly consolidated school

district receives consolidation aid in an amount equal to 50 percent of what it received in the 5th year, and in the 7th year it receives aid equal to 25 percent of what it received in the 5th year. Current law provides a sum sufficient appropriation for this aid.

The bill changes the formula for consolidation aid so a consolidated school district receives 9 percent of the statewide average base revenue limit under s. 121.91 (2m) (i) 1., Stats., per pupil in the first 5 years following consolidation. In the 6th year after consolidation, the consolidated school district receives aid in an amount equal to 50 percent of what it received in the 5th year, and in the 7th year it receives aid equal to 25 percent of what it received in the 5th year. Like current law, under the bill, a consolidated school district may be 2 or more school districts that have consolidated, or a union high school district that has consolidated with its included elementary school districts.

The bill provides a sum certain appropriation of \$2,500,000 beginning in the 2024-25 fiscal year. If the appropriation is insufficient to pay the full amount of aid each school district is entitled to, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) must prorate each school district's payment.

The bill takes effect on the day after publication, or the 2nd day after publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later. Finally, the bill requires DPI to submit, in the 2030-31 school year, a report to each appropriate standing committee of the legislature listing the school districts that received consolidation aid under the bill.

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

2023-24 2024-25

20.255 Public instruction, department of

(2) AID FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

(bt)	School district consolidation aid	GPR	A	-0-	2,500,000
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****NOTE: I put the entire amount in the second year of the biennium since there will be no school districts eligible for this aid in the 2023-24 school year. Let me know if you prefer half the amount, as the amount in the second year of the biennium is generally used as the base amount for the following biennium.

SECTION 2. 20.255 (2) (br) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.255 (2) (br) *School district consolidation aid.* ~~A sum sufficient~~ The amounts in the schedule to provide aid to school districts under ss. 117.08 (6) and 117.09 (6).

SECTION 3. 117.08 (6) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

117.08 (6) STATE AID. (intro.) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (br) and subject to sub. (7), the department shall pay to a school district created by a

1 consolidation under this section that takes effect on or after July 1, 2019, the
2 following amounts:

3 **SECTION 4.** 117.08 (6) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 117.08 (6) (a) (intro.) and
4 amended to read:

5 117.08 **(6)** (a) (intro.) In the school year in which the consolidation takes effect
6 and in each of the subsequent 4 school years, ~~\$150 multiplied~~ the amount calculated
7 as follows:

8 3. Multiply the product under subd. 2. by the number of pupils enrolled, as
9 defined in s. 115.437 (1), in the school district in that school year.

10 **SECTION 5.** 117.08 (6) (a) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

11 117.08 **(6)** (a) 1. Determine the statewide average base revenue limit under s.
12 121.91 (2m) (i) 1. for that school year.

13 **SECTION 6.** 117.08 (6) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

14 117.08 **(6)** (a) 2. Multiple the amount under subd. 1. by .09.

15 **SECTION 7.** 117.08 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

16 117.08 **(7)** STATE AID; PRORATION. If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (br) in
17 any fiscal year is insufficient to pay the full amount of aid under sub. (6) and s. 117.09
18 (6), the department shall prorate state aid payments among the school districts
19 entitled to aid under sub. (6) and s. 117.09 (6).

20 **SECTION 8.** 117.08 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

21 117.08 **(8)** REPORT. In the 2030-31 school year, the department shall submit
22 to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3) a report
23 that lists the school districts that received aid under sub. (6) and s. 117.09 (6) and the
24 amount of aid each school district has received.

25 **SECTION 9.** 117.09 (6) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

117.09 (6) STATE AID. (intro.) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (br) and subject to sub. (7), the department shall pay to a school district created by a consolidation under this section that takes effect on or after July 1, 2019, the following amounts:

SECTION 10. 117.09 (6) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 117.09 (6) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

117.09 (6) (a) (intro.) In the school year in which the consolidation takes effect and in each of the subsequent 4 school years, ~~\$150 multiplied~~ the amount calculated as follows:

3. Multiply the product under subd. 2. by the number of pupils enrolled, as defined in s. 115.437 (1), in the school district in that school year.

SECTION 11. 117.09 (6) (a) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

117.09 (6) (a) 1. Determine the statewide average base revenue limit under s. 121.91 (2m) (i) 1. for that school year.

SECTION 12. 117.09 (6) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

117.09 (6) (a) 2. Multiple the amount under subd. 1. by .09.

SECTION 13. 117.09 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

117.09 (7) STATE AID; PRORATION. If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (br) in any fiscal year is insufficient to pay the full amount of aid under sub. (6) and s. 117.08 (6), the department shall prorate state aid payments among the school districts entitled to aid under sub. (6) and s. 117.08 (6).

SECTION 14. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

(END)



State of Wisconsin
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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (2) (bt) and 115.434 of the statutes; **relating to:** a shared
2 services aid program for school districts, granting rule-making authority, and
3 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Shared School District Services.

Current law does not specifically provide state aid to school districts sharing personnel under a shared services agreement. Under s. 66.0301, Stats., school districts may enter into intergovernmental cooperation agreements with other school districts or local units of government. These agreements may be used to contract for the receipt or furnishing of services or the joint exercise of any power or duty required or authorized by law, including sharing personnel.

The bill creates a categorical aid program for school districts that enter into an agreement under s. 66.0301, Stats., with another district or a local unit of government (city, village, town, or cooperative educational services agency) to share specified

categories of personnel. A school board requesting aid or 2 or more school boards jointly requesting aid must apply to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). In order to be eligible for this aid, applicants must enter into a shared services agreement that includes the positions to be shared between the school districts or between the school district and the local unit of government, the positions that will be eliminated in each district, and if the shared services agreement includes more than one school district, how the aid will be distributed among the districts. Additionally, each eligible school district must pass a resolution to participate in the shared services program established by the bill. The bill requires DPI to review and approve applications that comply with these requirements and rules promulgated to administer and implement this program.

Under the bill, the amount of aid is based on the statewide median salary of the following categories of shared personnel: administrators, instructional staff, student services staff, and clerical staff. Specifically, under the bill, DPI must pay eligible applicants an amount equal to 35 percent of the statewide median salary of the appropriate category for each shared position. If an individual holds more than one position for which aid may be paid, DPI must pay an applicant for only one position held by the individual. If the individual holds positions for which different amounts may be paid, DPI must pay an applicant for the position for which the highest amount may be paid.

The bill provides an annual appropriation of \$2,500,000 in the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the aid program. Aid would be prorated if total eligibility exceeds the appropriated amount. The bill takes effect on the day after publication, or the 2nd day after publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2023-24	2024-25
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20.255 Public instruction, department of

(2) AIDS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

(bt) Shared services aid program	GPR	A	-0-	2,500,000
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SECTION 2. 20.255 (2) (bt) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (bt) *Shared services aid program.* The amounts in the schedule for aid to school districts participating in an agreement under s. 115.434.

SECTION 3. 115.434 of the statutes is created to read:

115.434 Shared services aid program. (1) In this section:

(a) "Applicant" means a school board that is requesting aid under this section or 2 or more school boards that are jointly requesting aid under this section.

1 (b) “Local unit of government” means the governing body of a city, village, or
2 town or the board of control of a cooperative educational service agency.

3 (c) “Shared services agreement” means an agreement entered into under s.
4 66.0301 between 2 or more school boards or between a school board and a local unit
5 of government to share personnel.

6 **(2)** (a) Beginning in the 2024-25 school year, an applicant is eligible for aid
7 under this section if all of the following occur:

- 8 1. The applicant enters into a shared services agreement.
9 2. The applicant passes a resolution to participate in the shared services aid
10 program under this section.

11 (b) To apply for aid under this section, an applicant shall submit a shared
12 services agreement to the department that includes at least all of the following:

- 13 1. The positions that will be shared between the school districts or between the
14 school district and the local unit of government.
15 2. The positions that will be eliminated in each school district.
16 3. If the shared services agreement includes more than one school district, how
17 the aid will be distributed among the school districts.

18 (c) If the shared services agreement is between 2 or more school boards, the
19 application shall be submitted jointly by all participating school boards.

20 **(3)** The department shall review applications submitted under sub. (2) (b) and
21 approve those applications that comply with this section and rules promulgated by
22 the department.

23 **(4)** The department shall determine the statewide median salary for each of
24 the following categories of shared personnel:

- 25 (a) Administrators.

(b) Instructional staff.

(c) Student services staff.

(d) Clerical staff.

****NOTE: These categories are placeholders. They may need further definition or refinement to give the department some guidance on which positions fit into which categories.

(5) If an application is approved under sub. (3), from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (bt) and subject to sub. (6), the department shall pay to the applicants an amount equal to 35 percent of the statewide median salary of the appropriate category, as determined under sub. (4), for each shared position.

(6) If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (bt) in any fiscal year is insufficient to pay the full amount of aid under sub. (5), the state superintendent shall prorate the payments among the applicants entitled to aid under sub. (5).

(7) Notwithstanding sub. (5), if an individual holds more than one position for which aid may be paid under sub. (5), the department shall pay an applicant for only one position held by the individual. If the individual holds positions for which different amounts may be paid under sub. (5), the department shall pay an applicant for the position for which the highest amount may be paid.

(8) The department may promulgate rules to implement and administer this section.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

****NOTE: This effective date is required for any bill that contains an appropriation that is introduced before the budget passes. If this bill is not introduced before the budget passes, we can remove this effective date provision when the draft goes to a /1.

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State of Wisconsin
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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT *to create*** 20.255 (2) (ef) and 115.457 of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 reimbursements to school districts and cooperative educational service
3 agencies for the cost of writing federal and state grant applications and making
4 an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Shared School District Services.

Current law does not specifically provide state aid to reimburse school districts and cooperative educational service agencies (CESAs) for the costs of applying for federal and state grants. Additionally, under many grant programs, particularly those for federal grants, an applicant may not include the cost of grant writing in its proposed grant budget if an entity receives a grant; it may not recoup the costs of grant writing from the grant.

The bill creates a categorical aid program to reimburse school districts and CESAs for costs associated with writing federal and state grant applications regardless of

whether a grant application is successful. This aid is administered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Under the bill, DPI must reimburse each eligible school district or CESA for the costs associated with writing grant applications, up to an unspecified amount. Additionally, the bill creates an appropriation in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for this aid, but does not include the amount. Aid would be prorated if total eligibility exceeds the appropriated amount. Finally, the bill takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

2023-24 2024-25

20.255 Public instruction, department of

(2) AID FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

(ef) Reimbursement for grant writ-

ing costs

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****NOTE: Please let me know the amount of the sum certain appropriation for each fiscal year.

SECTION 2. 20.255 (2) (ef) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (ef) *Reimbursement for grant writing costs.* The amounts in the schedule for reimbursements to school districts or cooperative educational service agencies under s. 115.457.

SECTION 3. 115.457 of the statutes is created to read:

115.457 Reimbursements for grant writing. (1) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ef), the department shall reimburse a school district or a cooperative educational service agency for costs associated with writing federal and state grant applications. School districts and cooperative educational service agencies are eligible for reimbursement under this section regardless of whether the grant application was successful.

(2) Reimbursement provided to a school district or to a cooperative educational service agency in each school year under this section may not exceed \$X or XX percent of the cost of writing grant applications, whichever is less.

****NOTE: Please let me know the limits on reimbursement you would like included in this section.

(3) If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ef) in any fiscal year is insufficient to pay the full amount awarded under sub. (1), the department shall prorate the amount of its payments among school districts and cooperative educational service agencies that are eligible for a grant under this section.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

****NOTE: This effective date is required for any bill that contains an appropriation that is introduced before the budget passes. If this bill is not introduced before the budget passes, we can remove this effective date provision when the draft goes to a /1.

(END)



State of Wisconsin
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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (2) (bz) and 115.384 of the statutes; **relating to:** aid to
2 school districts that share services for costs associated with student
3 information systems.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Shared School District Services.

Current law does not specifically provide state aid to school districts for purchasing and implementing student information systems. Under s. 66.0301, Stats., school districts may enter into intergovernmental cooperation agreements with other school districts or local units of government. These agreements may be used to contract for the receipt or furnishing of services or the joint exercise of any power or duty required or authorized by law.

The bill creates a categorical aid program for school districts that apply for reimbursement for costs associated with purchasing and implementing a new student information system. A school district requesting aid must apply to the Department of

Public Instruction (DPI). In order to be eligible for this aid, a school district must enter into a shared services agreement with one or more other school districts. Additionally, the school district must purchase new student information software to accommodate shared services. Aid provided to a school district under this program may be used to pay for purchasing a new student information system, data migration to a new student information system, or training staff on the use of a new student information system. School districts may only apply for this aid one time.

The bill provides an annual sum certain appropriation, to be determined, in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscal years. Aid would be prorated by DPI if total eligibility exceeds the appropriated amount. Aid provided by DPI to an individual school district may not exceed \$75,000. The bill takes effect on the day after publication, or the 2nd day after publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later. The aid program will end on June 30, 2026.

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

2023-24 2024-25

20.255 Public instruction, department of

(2) Aids for local educational programming

(bz) Aid for student information systems

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****NOTE: Please let me know the amount of the sum certain appropriation for each fiscal year.

SECTION 2. 20.255 (2) (bz) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (bz) *Aid for student information systems.* The amounts in the schedule for aid to school districts under s. 115.384 for student information systems. This paragraph does not apply after June 30, 2026.

SECTION 3. 115.384 of the statutes is created to read:

115.384 Aid for student information systems. (1) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (bz), the department shall award one-time aid to school districts that apply for reimbursement for costs associated with purchasing and implementing a new student information system if all of the following conditions are met:

1 (a) The school district enters into an agreement to share services with one or
2 more other school districts under s. 66.0301.

3 (b) The school district purchases new student information system software in
4 order to accommodate shared services.

5 (2) Aid provided to a school district under this section may be used to pay for
6 any of the following costs:

7 (a) Purchasing a new student information system.

8 (b) Data migration.

9 (c) Training staff on the use of the new student information system.

10 (3) A school district may only apply for aid under this section once. Aid
11 provided to a school district under this section may not exceed \$75,000.

12 (4) If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (bz) in any fiscal year is insufficient
13 to pay the full amount awarded under sub. (1), the department shall prorate the
14 amount of its payments among school districts that are eligible for a grant under this
15 section.

16 (5) No aid may be provided to a school district under this section after June 30,
17 2026.

18 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

19 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after
20 publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

****NOTE: This effective date is required for any bill that contains an appropriation
that is introduced before the budget passes. If this bill is not introduced before the budget
passes, we can remove this effective date provision when the draft goes to a /1.

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 121.58 (2) (cm) of the statutes; **relating to:** aid for transporting
2 pupils between school districts that share services.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Shared School District Services.

Under current law, when school boards enter into a shared services agreement that requires transportation of pupils in one of the school districts to attend a course offered in a school in another school district in the agreement, the school board or boards providing that transportation are not eligible to receive transportation aid for the cost of transporting those pupils.

This bill makes this type of transportation eligible for transportation aid beginning in the 2024-25 school year. Specifically, under the bill, school boards that provide transportation to pupils enrolled in a school district participating in a shared services agreement to attend a course offered in a school in another school district under the agreement are entitled to transportation aid. Under the bill, this aid must be paid at an unspecified dollar amount per school year per pupil transported in this manner. The bill provides that the per pupil per school year amount must be proportionally reduced if the transportation is provided for less than a full school year, based on the number of instructional days for which the transportation is provided. Finally, the bill increases the

amount appropriated for transportation aid in 2024-25 fiscal year, but does not include the amount.

SECTION 1. 121.58 (2) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

121.58 (2) (cm) Beginning in the 2024-25 school year, a school board that has entered into an agreement to share services with one or more school boards shall be paid state aid for transportation the school board provides to pupils enrolled in a school district participating in the agreement to attend a course offered in a school in the school district as a shared service under the agreement. State aid under this paragraph shall be paid at the rate of \$XX per school year per pupil so transported. If the school board transports a pupil for less than a full school year, the amount of aid under this paragraph shall be reduced proportionally based on the number of instructional days for which the transportation is provided.

****NOTE: Please let me know what amount per pupil per school year the committee would like to provide for this type of transportation.

SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.

(1) AID FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (cr), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$XXX,XXX to provide state aid for transportation under s. 121.58 (2) (cm).

****NOTE: Please let me know how much money the committee would like to appropriate for this purpose in the 2024-25 school year.

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